

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Location: Maria Montessori Academy

2505 N. 200 E.

North Ogden, UT 84414



In Attendance: Rosemary White, Joan Effiong, Yana Sprague, Loma Prince, Preston Allen

Absent: Linda Martinez

Others in Attendance: Nancy Lindeman (Director), Lara Lusher (MAPA President), Kim Dohrer (AW), Kara Finley (AW), Joel Wright (Legal Counsel), Brent Van Alfen (Providence Financial)

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MINUTES

6:07 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

REPORT

- ❖ Lara Lusher provided an update on the Montessori Academy Parent Association (MAPA). The goals this year are to support teachers, develop the playground and library, help with field trips, and improve communication within the community. Lara described the MAPA committees and their roles in assisting the school. She also introduced the MAPA Board Members and their responsibilities.
Joel Wright arrived at 6:13 PM.
Lara Lusher departed at 6:18 PM.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

- ❖ Yana Sprague motioned to adjourn to a Closed Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; Rosemary White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:
 - Preston – AYE
 - Rosemary – AYE
 - Joan – AYE
 - Yana – AYE
 - Loma – AYEAdjourned to Closed Session at 6:20 PM.
- ❖ Loma Prince motioned to adjourn the Closed Session and return into the Board Meeting; Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows:
 - Preston – AYE
 - Rosemary – AYE
 - Joan – AYE
 - Yana – AYE
 - Loma – AYEClosed Session adjourned at 6:56 PM.

7:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER by Preston Allen

REPORTS

- ❖ Brent Van Alfen provided funding information regarding the building purchase. He provided the Board

with an updated lease v. buy analysis. USDA is working on additional legal approvals and Joel Wright will keep the Board updated. Joel Wright discussed the building purchase and financing terms as well as all the documentation that is up for Board approval.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon)

- ❖ Joan Effiong motioned to approve the Board Resolution Approving USDA Financing; Yana Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Loma Prince motioned to approve the RCAC Board Resolution to Borrow; Rosemary White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Yana Sprague motioned to approve the RCAC Extension Letter; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Loma Prince motioned to approve the Staff Handbook with the discussed changes; Rosemary White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ❖ Joan Effiong motioned to approve the June 7, 2011 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes, the July 8-9, 2011 Board Retreat Minutes, and the July 22, 2011 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes; Loma Prince seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Loma Prince motioned to ratify the following new hires: Kristen Gonzales, Alicia Beddes, Kathleen Chandler, Jalee Schofield, Traci Knight, Emily Goddard, Lara Dabb, Shannon Goen, Melanie Day, Anna Lemmon, Linda Spallino, Laila Camcho-Carver, Allison Martinez, and Kelly Taylor; Joan Effiong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- ❖ Nancy Lindeman provided the Directors Report. She reported on the facilities and vision screening, the school climate and behavior plan, academic achievement and making AYP, and the progress on belief statements and team building. Nancy also discussed the staff and placements.

BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 5:30 PM.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Kim Dohrer reviewed the SWOT Analysis and Five Year Plan developed at the July retreat. They also discussed the accreditation process.
- ❖ Yana Sprague reviewed Charter School Board University chapter two with the Board. Chapter two reviewed the accountability to its authorizer and market. The Board reviewed the questions at the back of the chapter.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each)

- ❖ No public comment was made.

ADJOURN

- ❖ Yana Sprague motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting; Rosemary White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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